the report of CAG on Defence services recruitment and training regarding irregular and fraudulent recruitment and to identify the persons responsible for the malpractices and also to streamline the procedure to check it?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): CAG's Report was presented in the Parliament on 12.5.1992. Further action on the various issues indicated therein has already been initiated.

Requests for installation of Statue of Late Shyam Behari Lal in Danapur Cantonment Board

1019. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several public petitions dated 13th May, 1990, 4th May, 1990, 22nd December, 1990 and 2nd August 1991 were sent to his Ministry for permission to instal the statue of late Shyam Behari Lal, Ex-Vice-President of Danapur Cantonment Board at public cost;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for delay in according permission for the same; and

(c) what steps are being taken to instal the said statue?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) Representations requesting for the installation of a statue of Late Shri Shyam Bihari Lal, Ex-Vice President of Danapur Cantonment Board, have been received. The Cantonment Board, Danapur, has not approved the proposal on the grounds of scarcity of land and problems of maintenance.

As a mark of respect to Late Shri Shyam Bihari Lal, it has been decided by the Cantonment Board to place in the Board Room of the Cantonment Board a portrait of Late Shri Shyam Bihari Lal.

Export of Advanced Light Helicopters

1020. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Advanced Light Helicopter manufactured by the H. A. L. is proposed to be exported;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) While there is potential for the export of the Advance Light Helicopter, firm indications in this regard cannot be furnished since the project is still at the design and development stage.

अनिवार्य सैनिक शिक्षा

1021. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा** : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार भारत में सैनिक शिक्षा को अनिवार्य बनाने पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) अनिवार्य सैन्य प्रशिक्षण की शुरुआत हमारे देश की लोकतांत्रिक नीति के अनुरूप नहीं होगी । इसके अतिरिक्त इससे उतना फायदा नहीं होगा जितना अधिक इस पर व्यय हो जाएगा ।

रक्षा मंत्री की विदेश यात्राएं

1022. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या **रक्षा मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उन्होंने पिछले कुछ महीनों के के दौरान किन-किन देशों की यात्रा की

और उन्होंने वहां सरकारी तौर पर किन-किन अधिकारियों से मुलाकात की ; और

(ख) उनके साथ उनकी क्या-क्या बातचीत हुई थी ?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री शरद पवार) : (क) पिछले कुछ महीनों में रक्षा मंत्री सिंगापुर, संयुक्त राज्य अमरीका और फ्रांस की सरकारी यात्रा पर गए थे । यात्रा के दौरान उन्होंने क्रमशः सिंगापुर के रक्षा मंत्री डा० यो निग हां, संयुक्त राज्य अमेरिका के रक्षा सचिव, मि० डिक चिने, और फ्रांस के रक्षा मंत्री मि० पियरे जोक्स से तथा अन्य राजनीतिक नेताओं और उच्च स्तरीय अधिकारियों से भेंट की थी ।

(ख) इन भेंट वार्ताओं के दौरान अंतर्राष्ट्रीय और क्षेत्रीय सुरक्षा संबंधी समस्याओं, भारत और उन देशों, जहां रक्षा मंत्री गए थे, के बीच रक्षा संबंधी वर्तमान सहयोग कार्यक्रमों और इस क्षेत्र में भावी सहयोग की सम्भावनाओं पर विचार-विमर्श हुआ ।

Defence Cooperation with Israel

1023. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a high level Israeli defence delegation, recently, visited the country for the purpose of defence cooperation between the two countries;

(b) if so, what are the areas of defence cooperation for which talks were held; and

(c) what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The discussions between the two countries were exploratory in nature and no arrangement for cooperation has so far been finalised.

News Item Captioned "Hall Chopp rejected by Army, I.A.F."

1024. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN Will the Minister of DEFENCE b pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the new item "HAL chopper rejected b Army, I. A. F." which appeared i the 'Indian Express' of Bombay edition on June 19, 1992; and

(b) if so, what are the detail thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Initially it was proposed to design & develop an Armed Light Helicopter, with single engine configuration. However, keeping in view the experience gained in actual conflicts by other Air Forces and the envolving Service requirements, it was decided to change over to a twin engine configuration, work on which commenced in 1984. The first prototype of the ALH has already rolled out on 29th June, 1992 and flight trials are due to commence shortly. The helicopter has multirole capacity and is acceptable to the Services.

Electronic Warfare

1025. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the importance of electronic warfare is likely to be established in the coming years;

(b) whether it is also a fact that India is in danger of falling behind its neighbouring countries in electronic warfare; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are contemplating in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR). (a) Yes,